

Appendix E

Series 2 County Clerk Invitation Letter



January 8, 2014

Georgia Volm
County Clerk
507 Vermont Street
Quincy, IL 62301

**RE: Adams County Rd 550 Connector
Adams County, Illinois
Notice of Public Meeting**

Dear Ms. Volm,

In accordance with 220 ILCS 5/8-406.1, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) hereby provides notice to the Adams County Clerk of public open houses to be conducted on January 13, 2015, for the Adams County Rd 550 Connector Project. A copy of the meeting advertisements that have or will be published in the Quincy Herald Whig on December 28, January 4, and January 11, 2014, and an online display on the Quincy Journal December 28 through January 12, are enclosed.

Project Description

ATXI proposes to build a new 345,000-volt electrical transmission line in Adams County. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulation requirements have made construction of a two mile portion of the Quincy to Meredosia segment of the Illinois Rivers Project, approved for construction by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) in Docket 12-0598, impractical in its current location. The Adams County Rd 550 Connector will connect to each end of that two mile portion in a manner consistent with FAA requirements. The transmission line will primarily consist of single shaft steel poles, unless engineering requirements dictate otherwise. ATXI requires a 150 foot wide right-of-way for all 345,000-volt circuits.

Project Need

Approval of the Adams County Rd 550 Connector is necessary to provide adequate, reliable, and efficient service to area customers, will promote the development of an effectively competitive electricity market that operates efficiently, is equitable to all customers, and is the least cost means of satisfying those objectives. This new line is necessary to realize the full benefits of the Illinois Rivers Project, which, once integrated into the existing Illinois electric transmission system, will increase reliability, deliver renewable energy, and provide additional economic and market efficiency benefits to customers and customers outside Illinois. The estimated in-service date for the Quincy to Meredosia segment of the Illinois Rivers Project including this new transmission line is by the end of 2016.

For additional information, visit our website (AdamsCountyConnector.com), send us an email (AdamsCountyConnector@ameren.com) or call our toll-free information line (888.825.1816). Additionally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at KGerhardt@ameren.com or 636.677.7288. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gerhardt
Project Manager

Enclosures: Newspaper Advertisements



Join us at an open house for the Adams County Rd 550 Connector transmission line

When: Tuesday, January 13 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.)

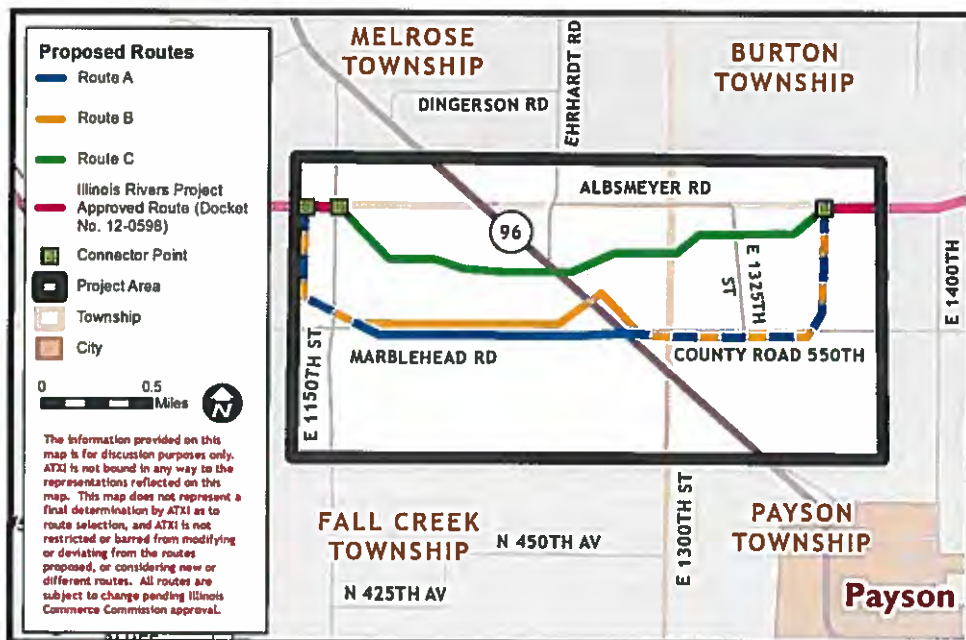
Where: The Salvation Army/The Ray & Joan Kroc
Corps Community Center - Meadows Room

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DATE and TIMES

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ICC Open House Invitation Email

From: Spinner, Trish K [<mailto:PSpinner@ameren.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 8:28 AM
To: R Buxton; 'Rockrohr, Greg'
Cc: G Beyer; H Stoller; B Bosch; 'Bilyeu, Mary'
Subject: ATXI Adams Cty Rd 550 Connector - 01/13/15 PUBLIC MEETINGS

RE: ATXI ADAMS COUNTY ROAD 550 CONNECTOR TRANSMISSION PROJECT –

Roy and Greg –

On behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI), this is to invite the ICC Staff to attend the public open houses scheduled for January 13, 2015. Attached are the stakeholder and landowner invitation letters along with a map of the proposed routes that were mailed. The meeting location and times are shown below.

The Salvation Army
The Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center - Meadows Conference Room
405 Vermont St Quincy, IL 62301

Tuesday, January 13
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ATXI is having public notice of these meetings published in the local newspapers. Information about the public meetings is available at the project web site (AdamsCountyConnector.com) and on the toll-free information line at 888.825.1816.

Please contact me for any related follow-up. Also, to the extent possible, I would appreciate your letting me know when a Staff representative anticipates attending any of these upcoming meetings.

Thank you. Trish

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Ameren Illinois Company :: 370 South Main Street, E-17 :: Decatur, IL 62523

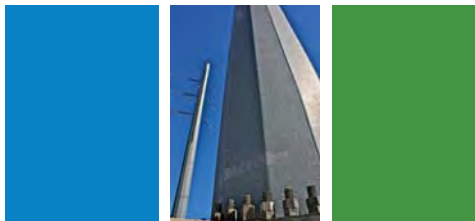
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Series 2 Display Banners and Boards



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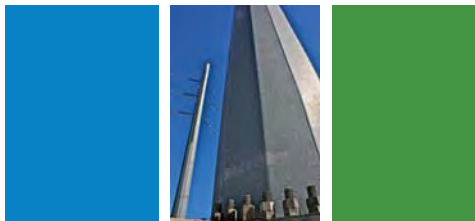
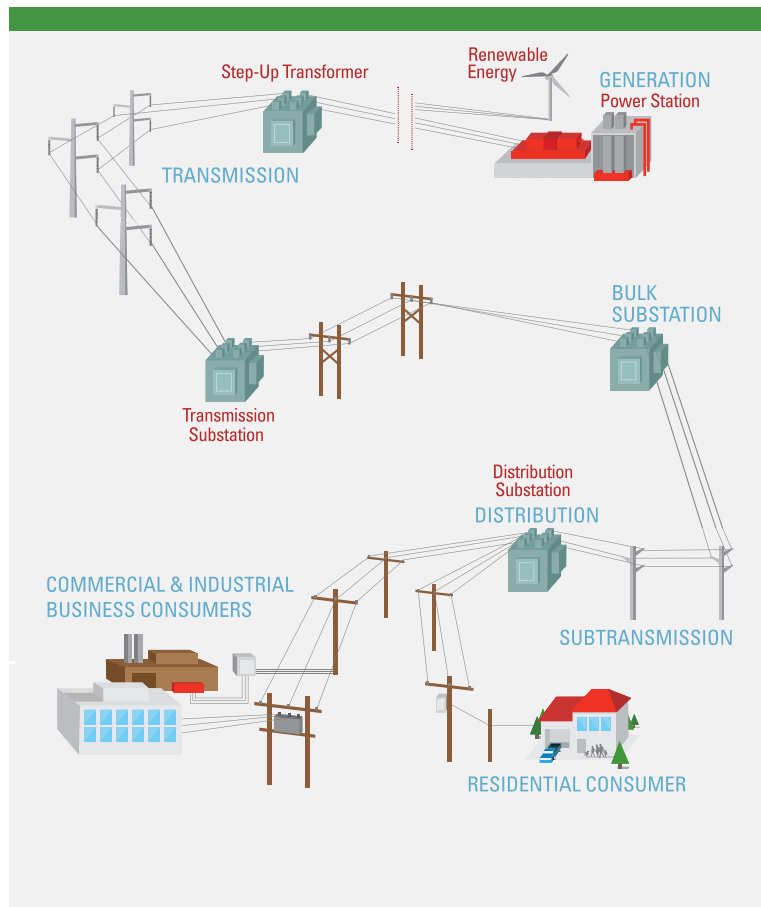
- Project information
- An understanding of the routing process
- Talked to team representatives
- Provided your input



HOW ENERGY IS DELIVERED

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MISO MULTI-VALUE PROJECTS

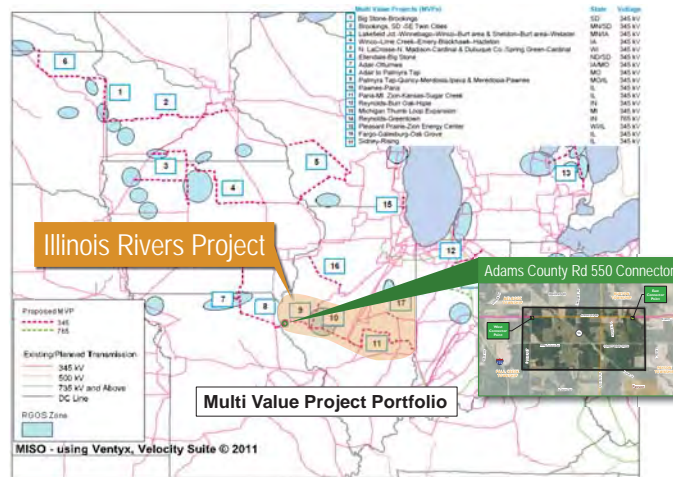
What is MISO?

Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) exists to provide an efficient regional energy market, to foster wholesale electric competition, and to coordinate regional planning.

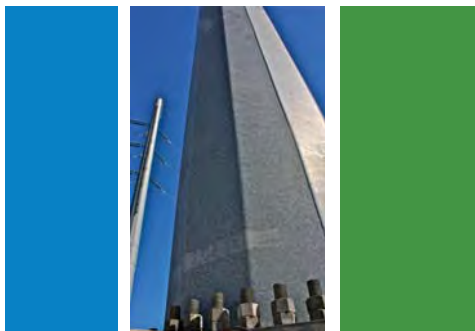


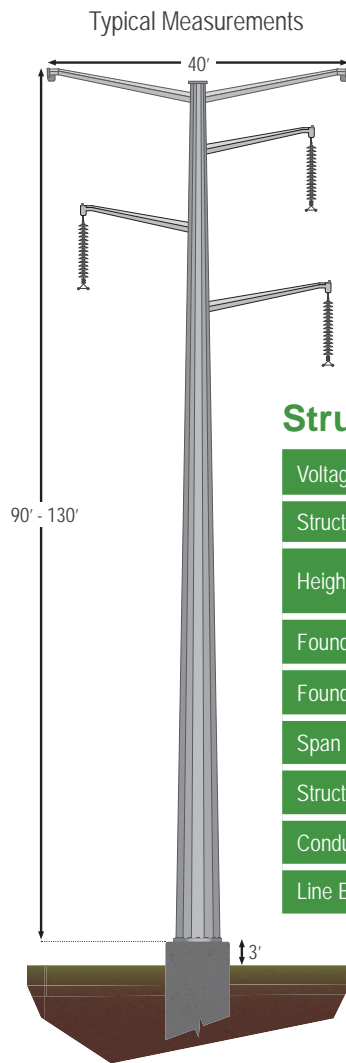
MISO market area

MISO Multi-Value Projects



- Facilitate the delivery of renewable energy needed to meet state renewable energy requirements
- Improve access to lower-cost energy by reducing transmission congestion
- Strengthen the transmission system and improve reliability

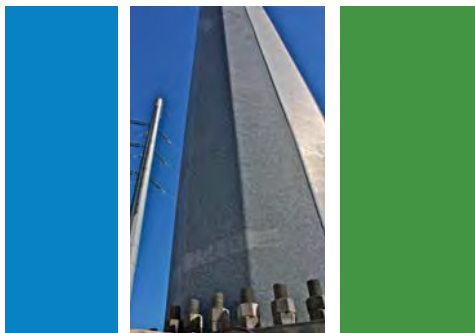
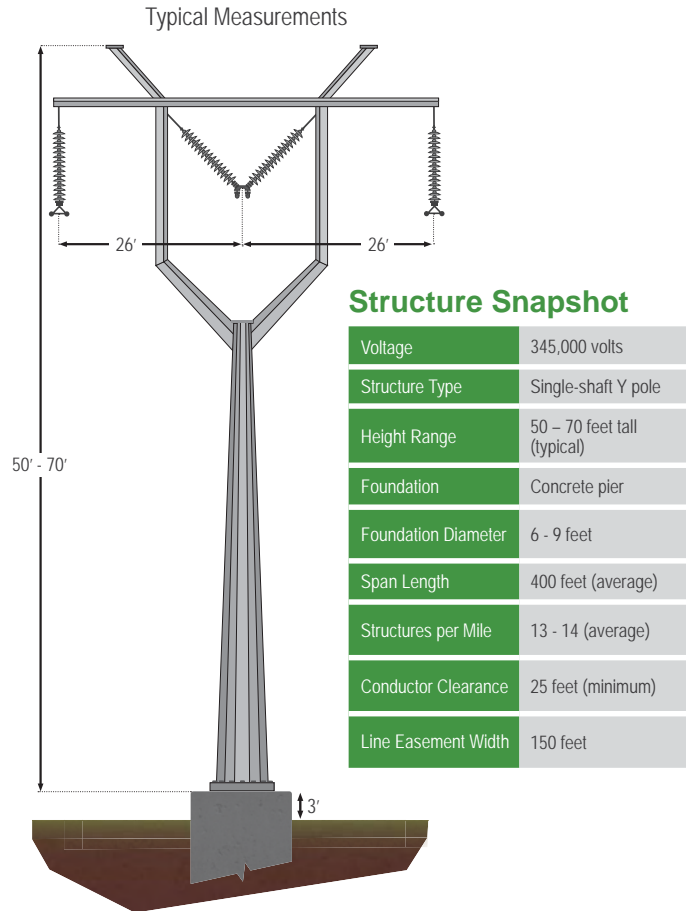




Structure Snapshot

Voltage	345,000 volts
Structure Type	Single-shaft steel poles
Height Range	90 – 130 feet tall (typical)
Foundation	Concrete pier
Foundation Diameter	7 – 10 feet (typical)
Span Length	850 feet (average)
Structures per Mile	6 – 7 (average)
Conductor Clearance	25 feet (minimum)
Line Easement Width	150 feet

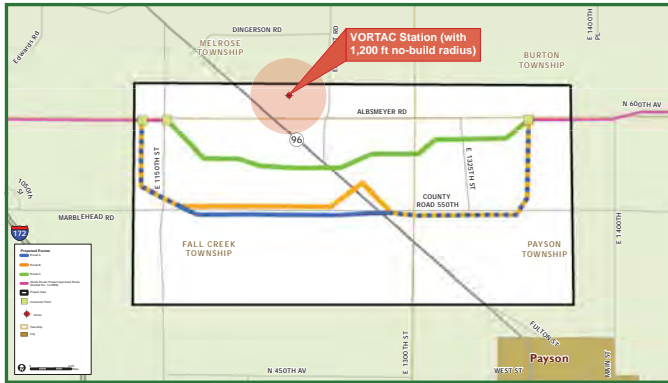




FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) RESTRICTIONS



Proposed Routes with VORTAC



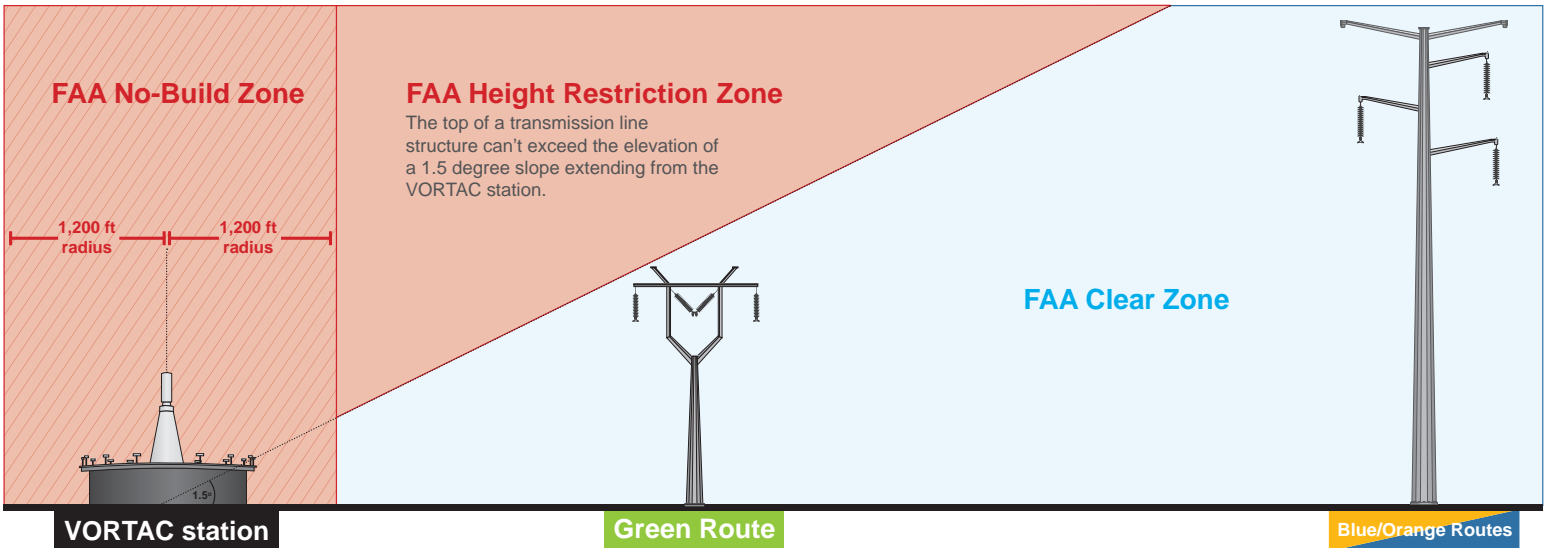
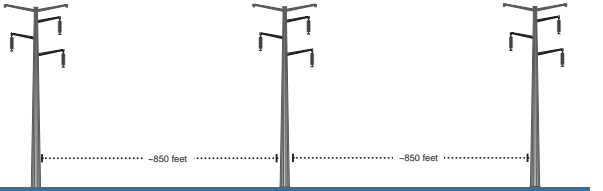
The green route's proximity to the VORTAC would require:

- An alternative structure type
- Shorter structures (typically 50 – 70 feet tall)
- Shorter spans between structures (400 feet on average)

Green Route



Blue/Orange Routes



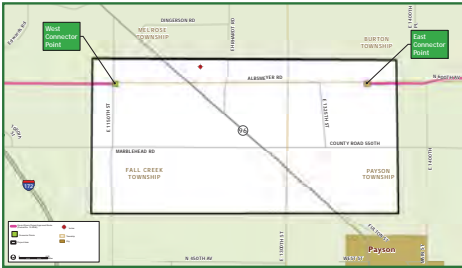
A VORTAC is a navigational aid for aircraft pilots consisting of a co-located very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) beacon and a tactical air navigation system (TACAN) beacon.

Diagrams are not to scale

ROUTING PROGRESSION



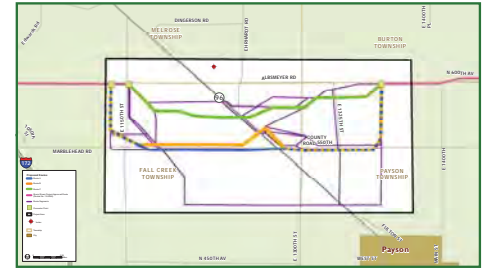
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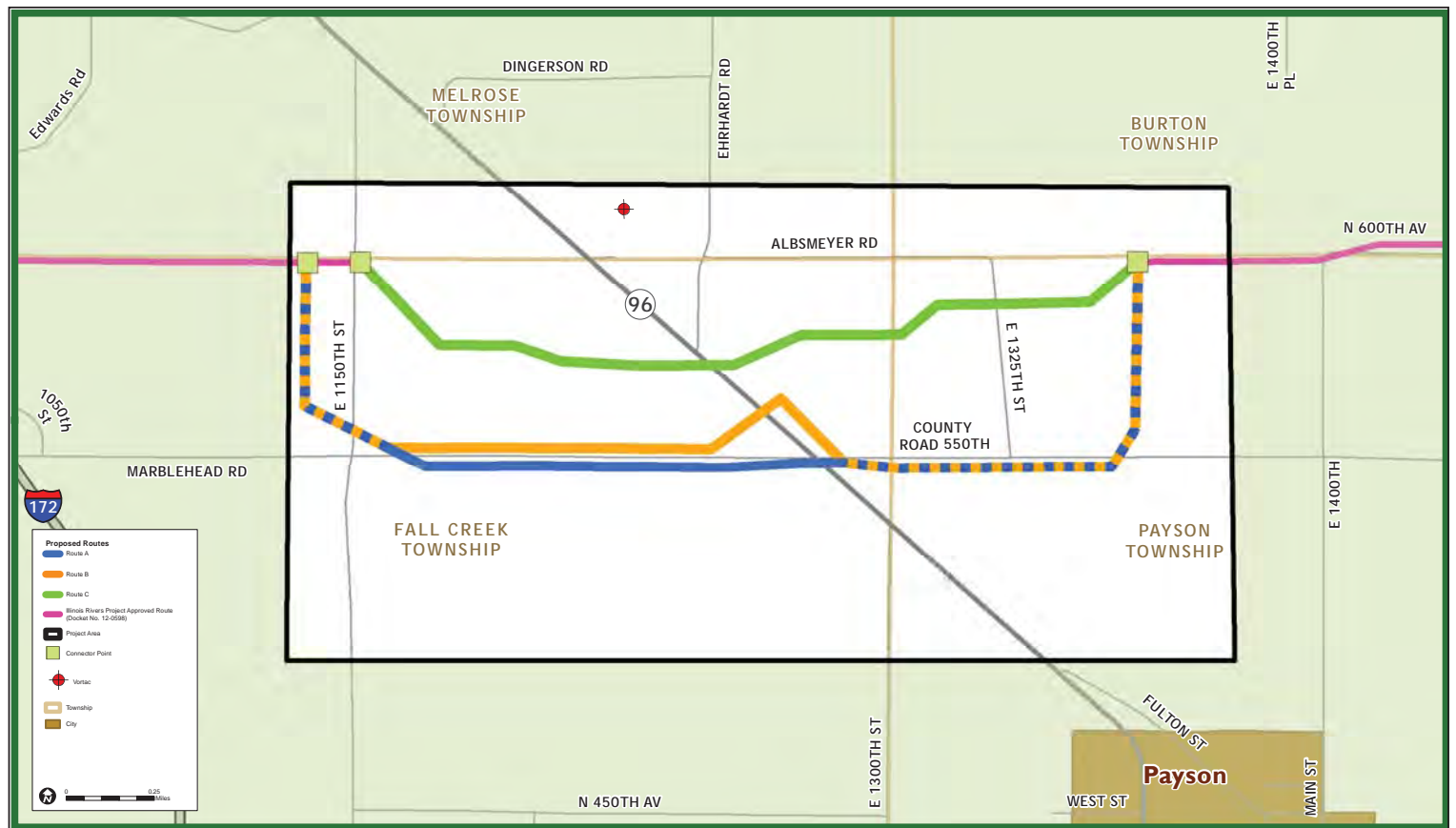
2 Preliminary Routes



3 Route Segments

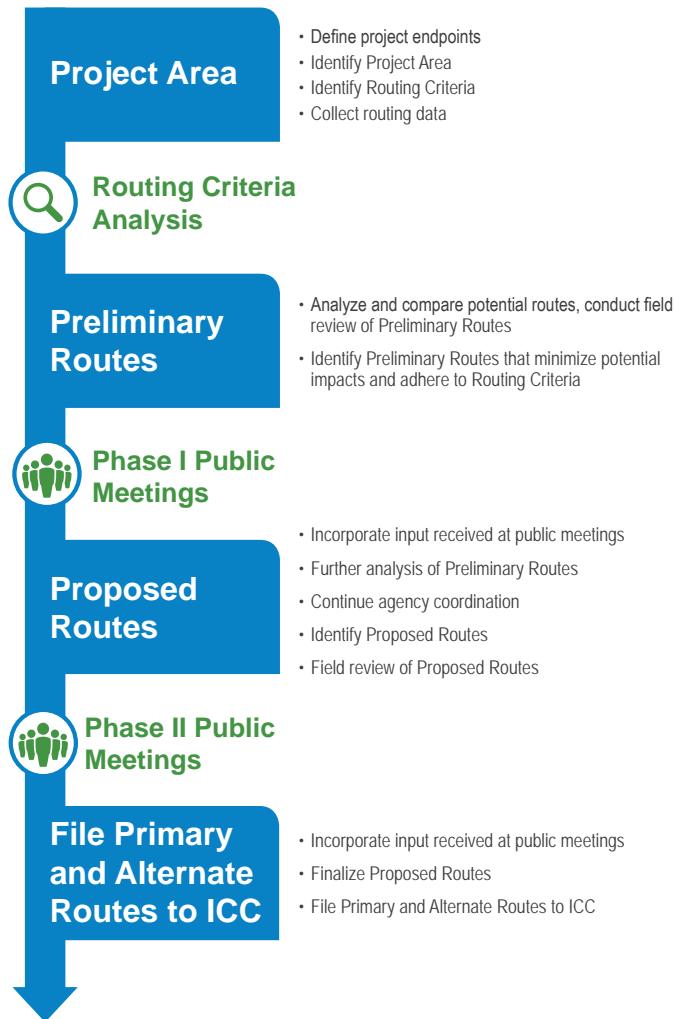


4 Proposed Routes WE ARE HERE



5 Finalize and submit routes to the Illinois Commerce Commission for review and route approval

ROUTE SELECTION PROCESS

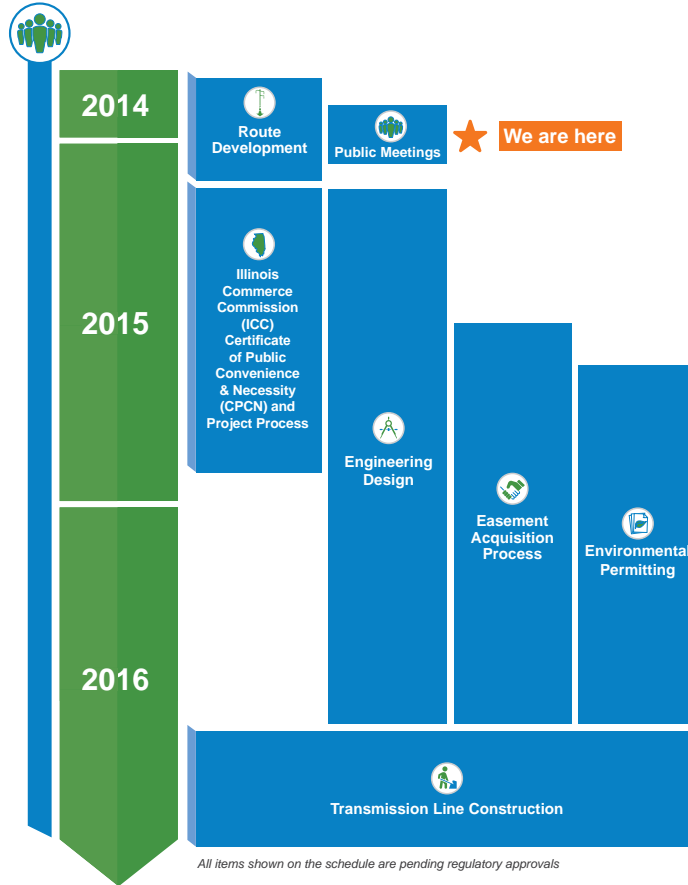


PROJECT SCHEDULE

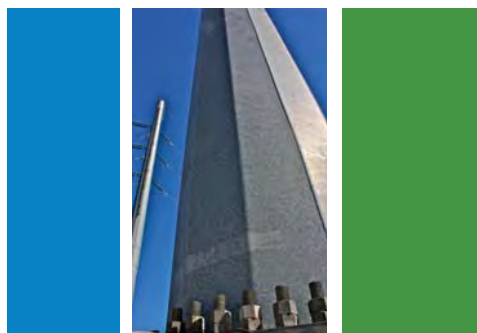
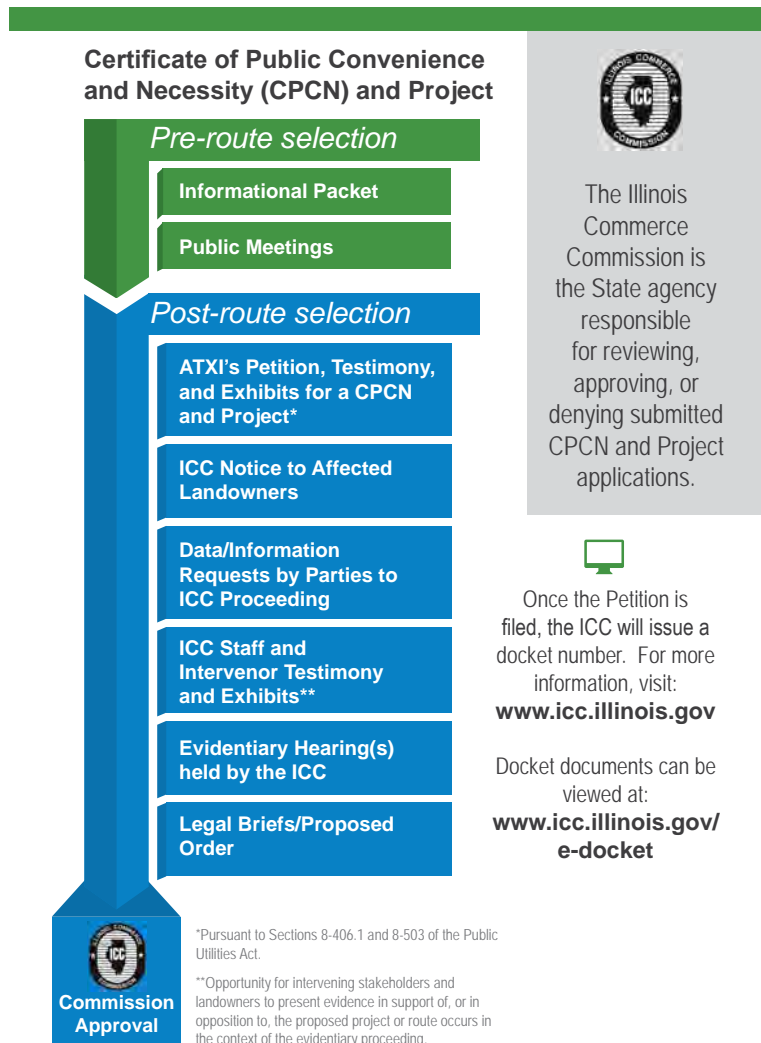
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Stakeholder and public outreach will occur throughout the project



REGULATORY PROCESS



ADDITIONAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



ATXI may need additional permits or approvals from various federal, state, and local agencies. These include but are not limited to:



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Section 404, Section 408 and Section 10



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and Migratory Bird Treaty Act



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Section 401 Water Quality Certificate and General NPDES Permit for storm water discharge from construction site



Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

Section 106 Review



Illinois Department of Transportation

Road permits



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

State protected natural features (e.g. endangered species)



Illinois Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA)

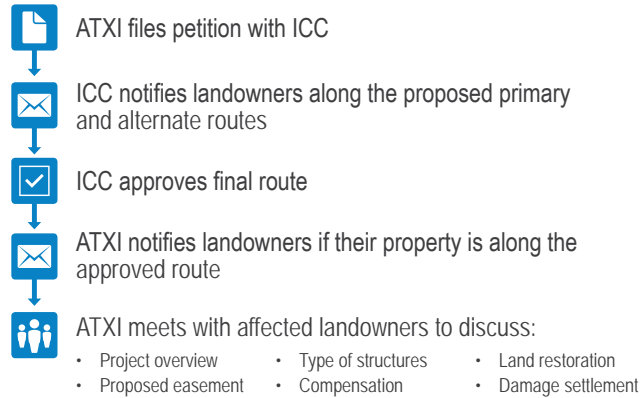


Local Permits

Erosion control and road crossings



Easement acquisition process

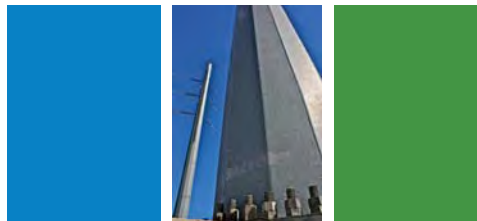
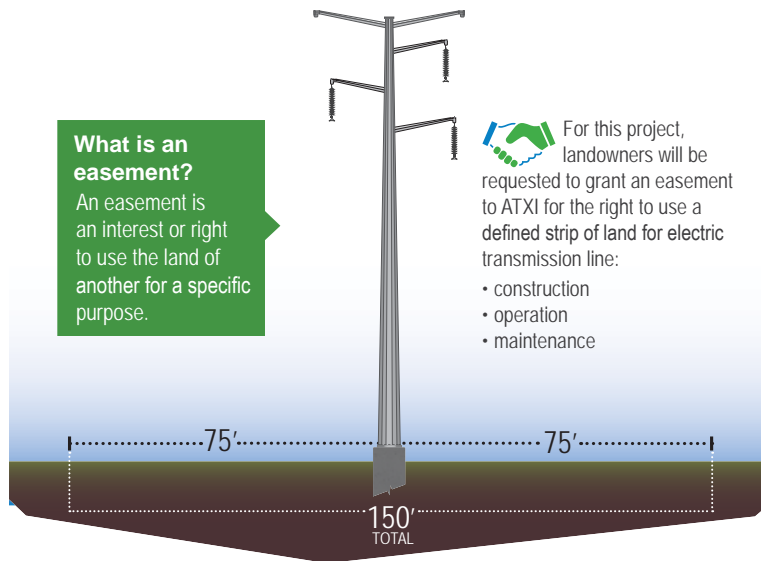


What is an easement?

An easement is an interest or right to use the land of another for a specific purpose.

For this project, landowners will be requested to grant an easement to ATXI for the right to use a defined strip of land for electric transmission line:

- construction
- operation
- maintenance



Pre-construction coordination

• Contractors • Landowners • Stakeholders

1 Survey structure locations



2 Auger holes and pour foundation



3 Assemble structure on the ground



4 Lift and place structure on foundation



5 String wires



6 Restore easement and energize line





We value your input



Comment Forms

Submit a comment form today or mail it to us later



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